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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. A.D. Watts

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Re: Information Request Letter 308-2021-07

Dear Mr. Watts:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has learned that a potential unauthorized discharge of dredged and/or fill material may have occurred in waters of the United States at your property located off of Star Bluff Road in Horry County, South Carolina, near latitude 33.8779°N, Longitude - 78.7572°W (See Exhibits A, B and C). According to our preliminary investigation, the discharge has occurred since 2016 to the present in connection with earth moving and filling activity.

To fulfill the requirements under Sections 309 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319 and 1344, the EPA requests that you provide the information set forth in the enclosed Information Request. The EPA has authority to gather information pertaining to this matter under Section 308 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318. This information request is an effort to determine the circumstances surrounding the potential unauthorized activities on the property in question.

Please provide the information requested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter to Mr. Joel Strange at [strange.joel@epa.gov](mailto:strange.joel@epa.gov). A hard copy of your response should also be sent to the following address.

Mr. Joel Strange  
Water Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Failure to provide a full and complete response to this information request or to adequately justify a failure to respond within the time frame specified above may result in an EPA enforcement action pursuant to federal law, including, but not limited to Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319, and 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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stamp such as "confidential," "trade secret," or "CBI." Please separate documents that you wish to protect as CBI from non-confidential documents. If you do not assert a CBI claim, the EPA may make information submitted under this request available to the public without further notice to you. Additional information regarding the EPA's requirements for confidential treatment of information can be found in Subpart B, Part 2, 40 C.F.R. § 2.201 et seq.

After the EPA receives and reviews your response, the agency will contact you regarding next steps, which may include a follow-up meeting or conference call. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Joel Strange at (404) 562-9455 or at [strange.joel@epa.gov](mailto:strange.joel@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures